4/10/69

Dear John,

Thanks for the letter of 4/8.

The blacks depress me. Kirkpatrick was not "unable" to see me because Bevel did not "contact" him. I had suggested it would be a good idea if he could bring Bevel. He was, he said, anxious to come before there was any mention of Bevel. I suspect someone spoke to him.

I have heard nothing from Bair.

Your correct presumption, that Spring is welcome, is inadequate. It is also beautiful, with so many growing things coming to beautiful, colorful, fragrant life, including the fowl.

I'm spending part of every day working outside, and it is good for the muscles, as for the mind. But it has been no benefit to the knees, which are prematurely old, with no medical opinion forthcoming. Had another check yesterday.

Something of an emergency has come up that has taken me off of preparing things for Pavsner. One of my strong-willed brethren has filed a law suit less well than he might and he has asked for help. I have to do it in an effort to keep him from losing. Takes time, unfortunately.

Best to you all. Looking forward to you and Sonia coming.

Sincerely,